

## Green Mountain Book Award Master List 2011-2012

This is the seventh year of the Green Mountain Book Award, a reader's choice award for students in grades 9-12. Co-sponsored by the Vermont Department of Libraries and the Vermont School Library Association, this program is designed to introduce to high school students some excellent books for their pleasure reading.

These books, to be read during the 2011-2012 school year, comprise the master list for the award to be made in 2012. Voting forms will be made available to all Vermont schools and public libraries in the spring so that young adults can vote for their favorite book. The master list titles have been selected to satisfy the reading interests of teens in grades 9-12, and include both adult and young adult books. All books on the list were first published in 2006-2010 and are available in paperback.

Anderson, Laurie Halse. *Wintergirls*. Speak, 2010. \$9.99. ISBN 978-0-1424-1557-3 (pap.); Viking, 2009. \$17.99. ISBN 978-0-6700-1110-0.

Eighteen-year-old Lia comes to terms with her best friend's death from anorexia as she struggles with the same disorder.

Barnes, John. *Tales of the Madman Underground*. Speak, 2011. \$9.99. ISBN 978-0-1424-1702-7 (pap.); Viking, 2009. \$18.99. ISBN 978-0-6700-6081-8.

In September 1973, as the school year begins in his depressed Ohio town, high-school senior Kurt Shoemaker determines to be "normal," despite his chaotic home life with his volatile, alcoholic mother and the deep loyalty and affection he has for his friends in the therapy group dubbed the Madman Underground.

Black, Holly & Cecil Castelluci, eds. *Geektastic: Stories from the Nerd Herd*. Little, Brown, 2010. \$8.99. ISBN 978-0-3160-0810-5 (pap.); Little, Brown, 2009. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0-3160-0809-9.

A collection of twenty-nine short stories about geeks.

Connolly, John. *The Book of Lost Things*. Washington Square Press, 2007. \$16.00. ISBN 978-0-7432-9890-2 (pap.).

High in his attic bedroom, twelve-year-old David mourns the death of his mother, with only the books on his shelf for company. But those books have begun to whisper to him in the darkness. Angry and alone, he takes refuge in his imagination and soon finds that reality and fantasy have begun to meld.

Doctorow, Cory. ***Little Brother***. Tor Teen, 2010. \$9.99. ISBN 978-0-7653-2311-8 (pap.); Tor Teen, 2008. \$17.95. ISBN 978-0-7653-1985-2.

After being interrogated for days by the Department of Homeland Security in the aftermath of a major terrorist attack on San Francisco, California, seventeen-year-old Marcus, released into what is now a police state, decides to use his expertise in computer hacking to set things right.

Going, K.L. ***King of the Screwups***. Graphia, 2010. \$7.99. ISBN 978-0-5473-3166-9 (pap.); Harcourt, 2009. \$17.00. ISBN 978-0-1520-6258-3.

After getting in trouble yet again, popular high school senior Liam, who never seems to live up to his wealthy father's expectations, is sent to live in a trailer park with his gay "glam-rocker" uncle.

Kelly, Joe. ***I Kill Giants***. Illustrated by J.M. Ken Niimura. Image Comics, 2009. \$15.99. ISBN 978-1-6070-6092-5 (pap.).

Barbara Thorson, a girl battling monsters both real and imagined, kicks butt, takes names, and faces her greatest fear in this bittersweet, coming-of-age graphic novel.

LaCour, Nina. ***Hold Still***. Speak, 2010. \$8.99. ISBN 978-0-1424-1694-5 (pap.); Dutton, 2009. \$17.99. ISBN 978-0-5254-2155-9.

As Caitlin struggles to cope with her best friend Ingrid's suicide, she turns inward and quiet, but finding Ingrid's hidden journal, a new classmate, and new projects help Caitlin find a way to reach out again.

Ness, Patrick. ***The Knife of Never Letting Go***. Candlewick, 2009. \$9.99. ISBN 978-0-7636-4576-2 (pap.); Candlewick, 2008. \$18.99. ISBN 978-0-7636-3931-0.

Pursued by power-hungry Prentiss and mad minister Aaron, young Todd and Viola set out across New World searching for answers about his colony's true past and seeking a way to warn the ship bringing hopeful settlers from Old World.

Patterson, James & Hal Friedman. ***Med Head: My Knock-down, Drag-out, Drugged-up Battle With My Brain***. Little, Brown, 2010. \$8.99. ISBN 978-0-3160-7617-3 (pap.).

Cory Friedman woke up one morning when he was five years old with the uncontrollable urge to twitch his neck. From that day forward his life became a hell of irrepressible tics and involuntary utterances, and Cory embarked on an excruciating journey from specialist to specialist to discover the cause of his disease. Soon it became unclear what tics were symptoms of his disease and what were side effects of countless combinations of drugs. The only certainty is that it kept getting worse. This is the true story of Cory and his family's decades-long battle for survival in the face of extraordinary difficulties and a maddening medical establishment.

Pratchett, Terry. ***Nation***. HarperCollins, 2009. \$8.99. ISBN 978-0-0614-3303-0 (pap.); HarperCollins, 2008. \$17.99. ISBN 978-0-0614-3301-6.

After a devastating tsunami destroys all that they have ever known, Mau, an island boy, and Daphne, an aristocratic English girl, together with a small band of refugees, set about rebuilding their community and all the things that are important in their lives.

Price, Catherine. *101 Places Not to See Before You Die*. Harper Paperbacks, 2010. \$13.99. ISBN 978-0-0617-8776-8 (pap.).

A spirited, ingenious, tongue-in-cheek guide to some of the least appealing destinations and experiences in the world.

Sitomer, Alan Lawrence. *The Secret Story of Sonia Rodriguez*. Hyperion, 2010. \$8.99. ISBN 978-1-4231-3027-7 (pap.); Hyperion, 2008. \$17.99. ISBN 978-1-4231-1072-9.

Tenth-grader Sonia reveals secrets about her life and her Hispanic family as she studies hard to become the first Rodriguez to finish high school.

Stork, Francisco X. *Marcelo in the Real World*. Scholastic, 2011. \$8.99. ISBN 978-0-5450-5690-8 (pap.); Arthur A. Levine, 2009. \$17.99. ISBN 978-0-5450-5474-4.

Marcelo Sandoval, a seventeen-year-old boy on the high-functioning end of the autistic spectrum, faces new challenges, including romance and injustice, when he goes to work for his father in the mailroom of a corporate law firm.

Yancey, Rick. *Monstrumologist*. S & S, 2010. \$9.99. ISBN 978-1-4169-8449-8 (pap.); S & S, 2009. \$17.99. ISBN 978-1-4169-8448-1.

In 1888, twelve-year-old Will Henry chronicles his apprenticeship with Dr. Warthrop, a scientist who hunts and studies real-life monsters, as they discover and attempt to destroy a pod of Anthropophagi.

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